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SUBJ: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA: UNCURK REPORT

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY (STEELE) HAS ALLOWED US TO
READ FINAL DRAFT OF ANNUAL REPORT WHICH WAS APPROVED
AT UNCURK JULY 24-25 SESSION.

2. REPORT IS ORGANIZED IN SAME GENERAL FASHION AS
LAST YEAR. THERE ARE SEVEN CHAPTERS: OBJECTIVES

(CHAP I), UNIFICATION QUESTION (CHAP II), RED CROSS
TALKS (CHAP III), SECURITY PROBLEMS (CHAP IV),
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA (CHAP V),
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS (CHAP VI). LIST OF NATIONS
HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROK AND DPRK IS
CONTAINED IN ANNEX.

3. CHAPTER VII ON CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS IS NOT
YET COMPLETED, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, AWAITING UNCURK
DECISION ON WHETHER TO INCORPORATE RECOMMENDATION FOR
TERMINATION IN BODY OF REPORT.

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4. THE BODY OF THE REPORT (CHAPTERS I-VI), WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED, IS FACTUAL, EVEN-HANDED AND MUCH SHORTER THAN IN PAST. COMPLETED CHAPTERS ARE ALONG SAME LINES AS PAST UNCURK REPORTS AND THERE IS NO REFERENCE OR IMPLICATION THAT REPORT IS A FINAL SUBMISSION. AS IT STANDS, REPORT IS AUSTERE AND WE SUSPECT, FROM ROKG POINT OF VIEW, A BIT TOO EVEN-HANDED.

5. AS NOTED ABOVE, REMAINING ITEM OF UNCURK BUSINESS IS CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS. AT PRESENT ONLY AUSTRALIAN DRAFT IS ON THE TABLE. TEXT THAT DRAFT IS CONTAINED IN SEOUL 4498. WE BELIEVE AUSTRALIAN DRAFT IS ACCEPTABLE WAY TO HANDLE UNCURK RECOMMENDATION RE TERMINATION. HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTS DEPARTMENT WISHES TO MAKE RE TEXT OF AUSTRALIAN DRAFT WHICH WE COULD PASS ON INFORMALLY TO AUSTRALIANS HERE.
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